

2023: Foundational Planning and Grant Success

- **March:** The Board adopted the **2023–2027 Financial Plan**, establishing the fiscal framework for the term.
- **March:** Supported the **North Island Natural Resources Standing Committee** to advocate for resource-based economies like forestry and aquaculture.
- **June:** Launched the **Sub-Regional Recreation Study** to explore equitable funding for Strathcona Gardens.
- **July:** Secured a **\$2.8 million provincial grant** to fund universal water metering in Northern Area D, ensuring the project added zero cost to local property taxes .
- **September:** Secured a **\$99,999.99 provincial grant** for Electoral Area D transit improvements, leading to the installation of the region's first six bus shelters.
- **December:** Formally adopted the new **Oyster Bay-Buttle Lake Official Community Plan (OCP)**, replacing a 27-year-old framework with modern policies on climate resilience and housing .
- **December:** Supported the establishment of the **Regional Housing Service** and its **\$10 million in borrowing authority** through a successful Alternative Approval Process (AAP) to fight the housing crisis.

2024: Execution and Governance Reform

- **January:** Adopted **Bylaw No. 464 (Water Meter Reimbursement)**, providing account credits to "early adopters" to ensure fiscal fairness.
- **January:** Secured **\$84,887** from the Community Works Fund for the **Black Creek-Oyster Bay Well No. 6** to ensure summer water security.
- **February:** Finalized and adopted the **2023–2027 Board Strategic Plan** and the **2024–2028 Financial Plan** .
- **April:** Supported the **Regional Accessibility Plan** to identify and remove barriers across regional facilities .
- **June:** Adopted **Bylaw No. 565** for Area D, opting out of restrictive provincial rental bans to protect **local property rights** and the tourism economy.
- **August:** Awarded the **Area D Stormwater Feasibility Study** contract to McElhanney Engineering to resolve chronic flooding issues.
- **October:** Supported adopted **Bylaw No. 542**, modernizing the Strathcona Gardens mandate to legally protect the **\$122 million REC-REATE expansion** .
- **October:** Supported **Bylaw No. 587**, increasing the CAO's procurement limit to **\$3,000,000** for the recreation overhaul to eliminate "administrative red tape" and project delays.
- **November:** Supported **\$10,000 Next Generation 911 grant** for Quadra and Cortes fire department dispatch systems 32.

2025: Fiscal Stewardship and Regional Stability

- **January:** Supported the election of **Chair Mark Baker** and **Vice-Chair Matthew Jack** .
- **February:** Achieved a **\$1.1 million reduction** in the 2025 recreation requisition, for

Area D and Campbell River residents.

- **June:** Ratified the **Northern Area D Bulk Water Supply Agreement** with the City of Campbell River, securing stable rates and zero price hikes through 2026.
- **June:** Supported the regional investigation into establishing a **Light Urban Search and Rescue (LUSAR)** service to close a critical public safety gap.
- **July:** Supported the Award of a **\$2.15 million contract** for the major renovation of the **Surge Narrows, Owen Bay, and Port Neville wharves**.
- **October:** Adopted **Bylaw No. 609**, a landmark procedural reform that eliminated immediate "floor tactics" by ending same-meeting reconsiderations of democratic votes.

2026: Delivering Results for the Community

- **January:** Secured a **Statutory Right of Way** to establish a new public trail system in Oyster Bay .
- **April:** Obtained Board support to provide an emergency **\$25,000 grant** for the **Oyster River Enhancement Society (ORES)** to repair a leaking roof on the volunteer-run salmon hatchery .
- **May:** Successfully executed the first community **wood-chipping service** rollout, enhancing regional wildfire resiliency.
- **May:** Officially completed the **Universal Water Meter Project** on schedule and within budget.
- **June:** Completed two new bus stops and transit shelters on Highway 19A at no cost to tax payers. This project finished under budget.
- **June:** Supported the expansion of a third sheet of ice and using Pine Crest Park for parking. This extra sheet of ice comes at no cost increase for tax payers.
- **July:** Provided the Oyster River Fire department with a \$7,500 grant to purchase a new thermal imaging camera.
- **July:** Breakthrough achieved with the Ministry of Transportation and Transit in the possibility that Area D can use their ditches for storm water management in the community.
- **July:** Water meter project fully completed. Now staff are busy preparing a water meter bylaw for the board in Sept.
- **August:** Ministry of Transportation and Transit complete the traffic study for Highway 19A. Public statements are coming soon.
- **August:** Province approves the Strathcona Gardens Referendum.
- **August:** The Board approved the language for the ballot question on the Strathcona Gardens Referendum
- **September (Slated):** Completion and opening of the **"Just Like Home" Lodge** and health professional workforce housing.
- **September (Slated):** Completion and opening of the new Aquatic Centre.